

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

V.

MARK STEPHEN MECHIKOFF,

Defendant.

3:12-CR-014-LRH (VPC)

## PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

This Court finds that on September 25, 2012, defendant MARK STEPHEN MECHIKOFF pled guilty to Count One of a One-Count Criminal Indictment charging him with Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). Indictment, ECF No. 1; Change of Plea, ECF No. 21.

This Court finds defendant MARK STEPHEN MECHIKOFF agreed to the forfeiture of the property set forth in Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Indictment. Indictment, ECF No. 1; Change of Plea, ECF No. 21.

This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (2), the United States of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Indictment and the offense to which defendant MARK STEPHEN MECHIKOFF pled guilty.

The following assets are subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c):

1                   a.     a Springfield Armory, Model XD, .40 caliber pistol, serial number XD491421;  
2                   and  
3                   b.     any and all ammunition ("property").

4                   This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should, reduce the  
5                   aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of America.

6                   NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the  
7                   United States of America should seize the aforementioned property.

8                   IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all right, title, and interest of  
9                   MARK STEPHEN MECHIKOFF in the aforementioned property is forfeited and is vested in the  
10                   United States of America and shall be safely held by the United States of America until further  
11                   order of the Court.

12                   IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United States of America  
13                   shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official internet government forfeiture  
14                   website, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov), notice of this Order, which shall describe the forfeited property, state  
15                   the time under the applicable statute when a petition contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and  
16                   state the name and contact information for the government attorney to be served with the petition,  
17                   pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6) and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(2).

18                   IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any, must be filed  
19                   with the Clerk of the Court, Bruce R. Thompson U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building, 400 South  
20                   Virginia Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Reno, NV 89501.

21                   IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the petition, if any,  
22                   shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United States Attorney's Office at the  
23                   following address at the time of filing:

24                   Greg Addington  
25                   Assistant United States Attorney  
26                   100 West Liberty Street, Suite 600  
                  Reno, NV 89501  
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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice described herein  
2 need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is issued by the appropriate agency  
3 following publication of notice of seizure and intent to administratively forfeit the above-described  
4 property.

5 DATED this 3rd day of October, 2012.

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LARRY R. HICKS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE